

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-16 drawn to a chemically defined valency platform;

Group II: Claims 1, 17-19 and 24 drawn to a conjugate of a valency platform and a biologically active compound, wherein the biologically active compound is a polysaccharide;

Group III: Claims 1, 17-19 and 21-34 drawn to a conjugate of a valency platform and a biologically active compound, wherein the biologically active compound is a poly(amino acid);

Group IV: Claims 1, 17-20 and 24 drawn to a conjugate of a valency platform and a biologically active compound, wherein the biologically active compound is a nucleic acid; and

Group V: Claims 1, 17-19 and 24, drawn to a conjugate of a valency platform and a biologically active compound, wherein the biologically active compound is a lipid.

Applicant hereby elects Group III, claims 1, 17-19 and 21-34, without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.



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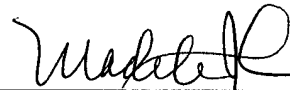
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